

FIRST YEAR

COURSE WORK BOOK



CHURCH HISTORY

A Historical Parallel to the
Seven Churches of Asia

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1 - INTRODUCTION:

Study Questions

1. Explain Matthew 16:18. Be sure to answer the question: "Is Peter the foundation of the church?".
2. What is the Greek word for "church" and what does it mean?
3. The word "church" today most often refers to the _____ ... but it more accurately refers to the _____.
4. After what great event did the Lord add daily to the church?
5. Who is the *head* of the church? Give Scripture reference.
6. Can you be saved and not part of the body of Christ? Explain your answer.
7. When did the church begin?
8. What is the central event of all history?
9. When and where was the term "Christian" first used?
10. Give any reason at all why we should study church history?
11. List the Seven Periods of Church History with their corresponding church of Asia from Revelation 2 & 3.
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2 - THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Study Questions

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2. When did the church begin?
3. What were the three effects of the Holy Spirit upon the church?
4. What race were the original members of the church?
5. What were the basic doctrines of the Apostolic Church? (Give 3)
6. What was the defect of the Apostolic Church?
7. Who was the first Christian martyr?
8. What was significant about the church established in Samaria?
9. Who was the pastor of the Jerusalem Church?
10. How can it be determined that Peter was not in Rome during this period? Give a complete answer.
11. Describe the council at Jerusalem.

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Apostolic Study Questions, continued

12. Who were the leaders of this period?
13. Describe the fall of Jerusalem. (*Give 5 major details*)
14. Give a simple definition for the word Nicolaitanes.
15. Memorize and write verbatim Daniel 2:21.

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6. List four leaders of the persecuted period.

Persecuted Study Questions, continued

7. Which two of these leaders had been taught by the Apostle John?
8. Who was the successor of James as head of the Jerusalem Church?
9. What is the meaning of the word "canon"? (As it relates to the Bible)
10. What is the earliest date that we can place the formation of the New Testament Canon?
11. Who were the Gnostics?
12. Who were the Judiazers?
13. How was this Church period purified?
14. What did persecution do to the Church?

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15. Briefly describe this period in your own words.

3- THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Quiz

1. Which of the Seven Churches described in the Book of Revelation corresponds to the Persecuted Period, and what is the meaning of this church name?
2. What was the Edict of Constantine?
- 3-6. List at least four of seven causes of Imperial Persecution.
7. How many different times of intense persecution did the church suffer during this period ?
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4 - THE IMPERIAL CHURCH: Study Questions

1. Which of the Seven Churches described in the Book of Revelation correspond to this period, and what is the meaning of this church name?
2. How does *eating things sacrificed to idols* (Rev. 2:14) apply to this period?
3. What sign did Constantine supposedly see in the sky?
4. What evidence reveals the pagan nature of the actual sign he saw?
5. Who was the first historical pope?
6. What idol became the representation of baal worship?
7. What archeological evidence reveals that Mary worship had pagan origins?

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Imperial Study Questions, continued

8. Give Scripture to show the title: "the queen of heaven" was in use long before it was used in reference to Mary.

9. What formed a natural barrier between The Eastern and Western Empires of Rome?

10. Who was referred to as "the golden mouth" because of his eloquence?

11. What do the exiles of the Christian leaders of this period indicate to us?

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3. Explain how Jezebel who would have been dead at the time John received the Book of Revelation could still have taught and seduced people.
4. How does eating things sacrificed to idols still correspond to this church period?
5. Why is this period called the dark ages?
6. What came to a halt during this period?

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7. Who dominated Europe during this period?

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Medieval Study Questions, continued

8. Briefly describe the inquisition. (2 to 5 sentences)
9. Briefly describe the Holy Wars. (2 to 5 sentences)
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11. Why was John Huss killed?

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6 - THE REFORMED CHURCH: Study Questions

1. Which of the seven churches described in the book of Revelation correspond to the Reformed Church period, and what is the meaning of this church name?
2. What did God do to end the dark ages?
3. What restored civilization to Europe?
4. What was the first book ever printed?
5. What name was given to those who protested the Roman Catholic Church?
6. Who is considered to be the father of the Reformation?
7. What event helped to spark the light of the Reformation?

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8. What were the Protestants in France called?

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Reformed Study Questions, continued

9. What provided fertile ground for the Reformation in England?

10. Who were the Separatists?

11. Who were the Puritans?

12. Who led the Reformation in Scotland?

13. Why did the pilgrims come to the New World?

14. What was the Mayflower Compact based upon?

15. Who led a counter Reformation against the Protestants?

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11. Which of the seven churches described in the Book of Revelation corresponds to the Modern Church period, and what is the meaning of this church name?
12. Briefly describe the Modern Church period.
13. What was The Great Awakening?
14. Who were the leaders of The Second Great Awakening?
15. How did doctrinal beliefs hinder the evangelizing of heathen nations?
16. Who was William Carey? (2-5 details concerning William Carey)
17. Who was called the pathfinder of Africa?
18. Briefly describe the Azusa Street revival.
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3. How did Jesus describe this church period in Rev 3:17?
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5. What evidence reveals that Billy Graham promoted a new wave of liberalism?
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7. What type of gospel has replaced the Gospel of Jesus Christ in many of our modern churches?
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ONE: Written & Oral Report on any of the Early Apostles

- LIMITS: 3-6 minutes; 300-600 words
- Each student will do one.
- Choices will be limited to any of the original 12 disciples & the Apostle Paul.
- Report should include details about:
 - o Personality/Character
 - o Birth & death
 - o Accomplishments

TWO: Written & Oral Report on Christian Persecution

- LIMITS: 3-6 minutes; 400-700 words
- Each student will do one.
- Use at least one example from *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*
- You may use more recent examples, as well.
- Expound on the effect of persecution on the church.
- Answer the question: "How should a Christian respond to persecution?"

THREE: Read a Biographical Book and Write a Book Report

- LIMITS: 3-6 minutes; 300-600 words
- Each student will do one.
- The book must be at least 110 pages in length.

FOUR: Written & Oral Report on a Positive Contemporary Influence

- LIMITS: 3-6 minutes; 300-600 words
- Each student will do one.
- Much attention is given to negative influences in this church age. The subject of this report is a discovery and presentation of some POSITIVE influences in this age.

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Final Exam

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